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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON ASSASSINATION OF CLEMENS KAPUUNO

FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS BY FOREIGN
MINISTER PIK BOTHA ON THE ASSASSINATION OF CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUNO QUOTE

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER AND HIS GOVERNMENT ARE DEEPLY
SHOCKED BY THIS LATEST COWARDLY MURDER OF A PROMINENT LEADER OF
SOUTH WEST AFRICA. THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS CABINET WILL GIVE
IN-DEPTH ATTENTION ON WEDNESDAY TO THIS TRAGIC AND SHOCKING
OCCURRENCE.

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MR. KAPUUNO WAS A LEADER OF STATURE. I HAD COME TO KNOW HIM
YEARS AGO AS AN OPPONENT, BUT THEN I ALSO HAD NO HESITATION
IN HIS INTEGRITY AS A LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE.
HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY AND HIS PEOPLE. HE WAS A TRUE
LEADER OF AFRICA.

AFTER MR. KAPUUNO HAD BEEN CONVINCED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WAS HONEST IN ITS VIEW THAT THE DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA HAD TO BE LEFT TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA ITSELF, HE COMMITTED ALL HIS ENERGIES AND ATTENTION TO THE GOAL OF ACQUIRING INDEPENDENCE FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA BY A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC MEANS. THIS MADE HIM A TARGET FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO ACQUIRE POLITICAL POWER BY WAY OF FORCE IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

HE PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN STRIVING FOR HIS IDEA. MR. KAPUUNO'S GOAL FOR PEACE, ORDER AND FREEDOM WAS NOT IN VAIN AND IT SHALL NEVER BE IN VAIN.

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE LEADERS OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA WILL NOT CAPITULATE IN FACE OF THE ONSLAUGHT OF MURDER AND VIOLENCE WHICH IS BEING PLANNED AND LAUNCHED AGAINST SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND ITS PEOPLE.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER AND HIS GOVERNMENT CONVEYS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE NEXT OF KIN OF MR. KAPUUNO AS WELL AS WITH HIS PARTY COLLEAGUES AND FOLLOWERS AND REITERATES THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA WILL BE SUPPORTED IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THOSE WHO WANT TO EXTERMINATE THEIR LEADERS BY MEANS OF VIOLENCE AND MURDER.

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SOUTH WEST AFRICA WILL BECOME INDEPENDENT ON THE BASIS OF THE EXERCISING OF THE FREE CHOICE OF ITS PEOPLE AND NOT ON THE BASIS OF THE POWER LUST OF BARBARIANS AND MURDERS UNQUOTE.
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